

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
DAVIESS COUNTY
CLERK**

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2007**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
DAVISS COUNTY CLERK

For The Year Ended
December 31, 2007

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Daviess County Clerk's audit for the year ended December 31, 2007. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the revenues and expenditures of the County Clerk and the revenues, expenditures, and fund balances of the County Clerk's operating fund and county fund with the State Treasurer in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

Financial Condition:

A fee official in counties with a population over 70,000 has two funds established with the state for the deposit of fees collected. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the fees collected are deposited in a County Clerk's operating fund and used for office expenses of the fee official. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of fees collected are deposited to the county government fund and paid quarterly to the county government. These funds are closed at the end of each four-year term by paying the balances to the respective county government.

The Daviess County Clerk had total receipts of \$20,497,776, which was a \$1,820,690 increase from the prior year. Except for reimbursed expenses in the amount of \$134,672 and fiscal court contributions of \$24,083, the clerk paid 25% of receipts to the Daviess County Fiscal Court in the amount of \$546,500. This was an increase of \$120,360 from the prior year. In addition, 75% operating fund disbursements increased by \$88,796.

Deposits:

The County Clerk's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities.

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The Honorable Louis Reid Haire, Daviess County Judge/Executive
Honorable David "Oz" Osborne, Daviess County Clerk
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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues and expenditures - regulatory basis of the County Clerk of Daviess County, Kentucky, and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and fund balances of the County Clerk's operating fund and county fund with the State Treasurer - regulatory basis for the year ended December 31, 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the County Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Clerk prepares the financial statements on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and fund balances of the County Clerk's operating fund and county fund with the State Treasurer for the year ended December 31, 2007, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 3, 2008 on our consideration of the County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



The Honorable Louis Reid Haire, Daviess County Judge/Executive
Honorable David "Oz" Osborne, Daviess County Clerk
Members of the Daviess County Fiscal Court

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County Clerk and Fiscal Court of Daviess County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Crit Luallen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

July 3, 2008

DAVIESS COUNTY
DAVID OSBORNE, COUNTY CLERK
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2007

Revenues

Libraries and Archives Grant	\$	19,064
State Fees For Services		38,239
Fiscal Court		24,083
Licenses and Taxes:		
Motor Vehicle-		
Licenses and Transfers	\$	3,167,474
Usage Tax		8,650,533
Tangible Personal Property Tax		6,915,851
Licenses-		
Fish and Game		7,513
Marriage		27,051
Occupational		570
Beer and Liquor		5,542
Deed Transfer Tax		364,498
Delinquent Taxes		400,994
		19,540,026
Fees Collected for Services:		
Affordable Housing Trust		112,374
Recordings-		
Deeds, Easements and Contracts		56,969
Real Estate Mortgages		187,923
Chattel Mortgages and Financing Statements		250,236
Lien Calls		528
Releases		42,736
Title Preparation, Notary, and Affidavit		77,128
Powers of Attorney		5,062
All Other Recordings		63,957
Charges for Other Services-		
Copywork		27,019
Postage		13,495
		837,427
Other-		
Miscellaneous		24,068
Interest Earned		14,869
Total Revenues		20,497,776

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

DAVIESS COUNTY
 DAVID OSBORNE, COUNTY CLERK
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2007
 (Continued)

Expenditures

Payments to State:

Motor Vehicle-

Licenses and Transfers	\$	2,207,561	
Usage Tax		8,390,209	
Tangible Personal Property Tax		2,228,823	
Licenses, Taxes, and Fees-			
Fish and Game Licenses		7,283	
Affordable Housing Trust		112,374	
Delinquent Tax		57,868	
Legal Process Tax		91,177	
			\$ 13,095,295

Payments to Fiscal Court:

Tangible Personal Property Tax	735,270	
Delinquent Tax	52,504	
Deed Transfer Tax	346,273	
Occupational Licenses	366	
Beer and Liquor Licenses	5,179	1,139,592

Payments to Other Districts:

Tangible Personal Property Tax	3,639,488	
Delinquent Tax	189,196	3,828,684

Payments to Sheriff 12,272

Payments to County Attorney 59,487

Operating Expenditures:

Contracted Services-

Advertising	369	
Printing and Binding	1,523	1,892

Supplies and Materials-

Office Supplies		193
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DAVIESS COUNTY
 DAVID OSBORNE, COUNTY CLERK
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2007
 (Continued)

Expenditures (Continued)

Operating Expenditures: (Continued)

Other Charges-

Dues and Uniforms	\$	350	
Miscellaneous		19,771	
Returned Checks		867	
Libraries and Archives Grant		<u>19,064</u>	<u>\$ 40,052</u>

Total Expenditures			<u>\$ 18,177,467</u>
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Net Revenues			2,320,309
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Payments to State Treasurer:

75% Operating Fund		1,773,809	
25% County Fund		<u>546,500</u>	<u>2,320,309</u>

Balance Due at Completion of Audit			<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

DAVIESS COUNTY
 DAVID OSBORNE, COUNTY CLERK
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
 FUND BALANCES OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S OPERATING FUND
AND COUNTY FUND WITH THE STATE TREASURER - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2007

	75% Operating Fund	25% County Fund	Totals
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Fund Balance - January 1, 2007	\$	\$	\$
<u>Revenues</u>			
Fees Paid to State - Operating Funds (75%)	1,773,809		1,773,809
Fees Paid to State - County Funds (25%)	<hr/>	546,500	<hr/>
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Total Funds Available	1,773,809	546,500	2,320,309
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<u>Expenditures</u>			
Daviess County Fiscal Court		546,500	546,500
Personnel Services-			
Official's Statutory Maximum	83,929		83,929
County Clerk's Expense Allowance	3,600		3,600
Deputies' Salaries	1,049,757		1,049,757
Official's Training Incentive Pay	847		847
Employee Benefits-			
Employer's Share Social Security	85,531		85,531
Employer's Share Retirement	162,794		162,794
Employer's Paid Health Insurance	220,559		220,559
Other Payroll Expenditures	3,429		3,429
Contracted Services-			
Liability Insurance	1,372		1,372
Equipment Maintenance/Rental	14,577		14,577
Materials and Supplies-			
Recording Books and Supplies	12,926		12,926
Office Supplies	24,239		24,239
Imaging and Indexing Records	11,785		11,785

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

DAVIESS COUNTY
 DAVID OSBORNE, COUNTY CLERK
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
 FUND BALANCES OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S OPERATING FUND
 AND COUNTY FUND WITH THE STATE TREASURER - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2007
 (Continued)

	75% Operating Fund	25% County Fund	Totals
<u>Expenditures (Continued)</u>			
Other Charges-			
Dues	\$ 2,900	\$	\$ 2,900
Travel	13,350		13,350
Insurance	8,472		8,472
Maintenance	4,848		4,848
Conventions and Conferences	3,573		3,573
Advertising	949		949
Telephone	5,865		5,865
Postage	2,505		2,505
County Clerk Literature	1,932		1,932
Parking	11,395		11,395
Uniforms	1,506		1,506
Miscellaneous	4,081		4,081
Capital Outlay-			
Office Equipment	22,878		22,878
Total Expenditures	1,759,599	546,500	2,306,099
Fund Balance - December 31, 2007	\$ 14,210	\$ 0	\$ 14,210

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

DAVIESS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2007

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of revenues over expenditures to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

KRS 64.820 directs the fiscal court to collect any amount due from the County Clerk as determined by the audit.

KRS 64.350 establishes that a fee official in counties with a population over 70,000 has two funds with the State Treasurer for the deposit of fees collected. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the fees collected is deposited in a County Clerk's operating fund and used for office expenses of the fee official. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of fees collected is deposited to the county fiscal court fund and paid to the fiscal courts, urban-county governments, or consolidated local governments of the respective counties quarterly no later than April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15. These funds are closed at the end of each official term by paying the balances to the respective county government.

The financial statements have been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this regulatory basis of accounting, revenues and expenditures are generally recognized when cash is received or disbursed with the exception of accrual of the following items (not all-inclusive), at December 31:

- Interest receivable
- Collection on accounts due from others for 2007 services
- Reimbursements for 2007 activities
- Payments due other governmental entities for December tax and fee collections
- Payroll expenditures incurred but not paid
- Payments due vendors for goods or services provided in 2007

The Attorney General issued a letter, which stated that some revenues of the fee official offices could be considered reimbursed expenses. All reimbursed expenses are treated as revenue in the 75 percent fund.

DAVISS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2007
(Continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the County Clerk's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan that covers all eligible full-time employees and provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members.

Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 13.19 percent for the first six months and 16.17 percent for the last six months of the year.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65.

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record. This report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Retirement Systems, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6124, or by telephone at (502) 564-4646.

Note 3. Deposits

The County Clerk maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the County Clerk and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

DAVIESS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2007
(Continued)

Note 3. Deposits (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the County Clerk's deposits may not be returned. The County Clerk does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but rather follows the requirements of KRS 41.240(4). As of December 31, 2007, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

Note 4. Libraries and Archives Grant

The County Clerk received a local records microfilming grant from the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in 2005. The unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2006 was \$19,031. Interest in the amount of \$33 was earned during 2007. Funds totaling \$19,064 were expended during the year. The unexpended grant balance was \$0 as of December 31, 2007.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Members of the Daviess County Fiscal Court

Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the financial statements - regulatory basis of the Daviess County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated July 3, 2008. The County Clerk's financial statements are prepared in accordance with a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Daviess County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Daviess County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statement that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statement will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.



Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards
(Continued)

Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Daviess County Clerk's financial statements as of December 31, 2007, are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Daviess County Fiscal Court, and the Department for Local Government and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

July 3, 2008

